

GP 1772

HFB
AUG 30 2000



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Hiroki MAEDA et al.

Serial No.: 09/477,725

Group Art Unit: 1772

Filed: January 5, 2000

Examiner: Unassigned

For: INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM

RECEIVED
AUG 28 2000
TC 1100 MAIL ROOM

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of each of the references listed on Form PTO-1449 are attached.

Also enclosed is a copy of a European Search Report bearing a mailing date of June 7, 2000, and the U.S. PTO is directed thereto for a concise statement of possible relevance of the references cited therein.

The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office may, in the first instance, determine any

materiality thereof to the claimed invention. See 37 C.F.R. 1.104(a) and 1.106(b) concerning the PTO duty to consider and use any such information. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that these references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

PARKHURST & WENDEL, L.L.P.

August 22, 2000

Date

RWP/mhs

Attorney Docket No.: DAIN:540

PARKHURST & WENDEL, L.L.P.
1421 Prince Street, Suite 210
Alexandria, Virginia 22314-2805
Telephone: (703) 739-0220

(rev. 5/00)

Roger W. Parkhurst
Roger W. Parkhurst
Registration No. 25,177

RECEIVED
10
AUG 28 2000
1100 MAIL ROOM

PLEASE ACCEPT THIS AS
AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT
OR CREDIT FEES TO
DEP. ACCT. 16-0331
PARKHURST & WENDEL